



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6500

January Session, 2007

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AN ACT EXPANDING CONNECTICUT'S FILM INDUSTRY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Office of Workforce
2 Competitiveness, in consultation with the Labor Commissioner, the
3 Commissioners of Education and Economic and Community
4 Development, and the Connecticut Commission on Culture and
5 Tourism, shall establish a program that is designed to develop a
6 trained workforce for the film industry in the state. Such program shall
7 have three components: (1) An unpaid intern training program for
8 high school and college students; (2) a production assistant training
9 program open to any state resident; and (3) a workforce training
10 program that would include classroom training, on-set training and a
11 mentor program.

12 (b) Not later than ninety days after July 1, 2007, the Office of
13 Workforce Competitiveness shall establish written participation
14 guidelines for the program authorized under this section.

15 (c) Not later than January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the Office
16 of Workforce Competitiveness shall submit a status report, in
17 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
18 on the establishment and operation of the program authorized under
19 this section to the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission,

20 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
 21 cognizance of matters relating to commerce, and higher education and
 22 employment advancement.

23 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Office of Workforce
 24 Competitiveness shall undertake an in-depth study on the feasibility of
 25 developing the visual effects, animation and video game industries in
 26 the state, and, if appropriate, make recommendations on how to
 27 facilitate such development. The results of the study and any
 28 recommendations shall be submitted to the joint standing committees
 29 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 30 commerce and finance, revenue and bonding, not later than January
 31 15, 2008.

32 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one million dollars is
 33 appropriated to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, from the
 34 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the training
 35 program established in section 1 of this act.

36 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of five hundred thousand
 37 dollars is appropriated to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness,
 38 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for
 39 equipment, supplies and training facilities, and administrative
 40 expenses of the program established in section 1 of this act.

41 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
 42 dollars is appropriated to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness,
 43 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the
 44 study required pursuant to section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
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